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1. Dr. Hans Otto Roth, a leader of the Saxon minority in Transylvania, has been arrested in Sibiu while on vacation. He has been accused of concealing from the Rumanian authorities the part ownership of a large Saxon bank by Germans of the Reich. The Saxon minority is alarmed by Roth's arrest and fears that it presages a new wave of persecution of Germans in Rumania.

(Washington Comment: In late 1944 Dr. Roth, a former senator in the Rumanian parliament, was reported as having established contact with Vasile Luca and Constantin Pavulescu of the Rumanian Communist Party, and Constantin Titel Petrescu of the Social-Democratic Party).

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